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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter of September 22.

As to our reasons for supporting H.R. 5164, I am enclosing a copy of an article I wrote last June in The Nation, which explains our position.

We think this bill will not lead to any loss of information under the Freedom of Information Act and will force the CIA to release information within 4-6 weeks instead of the 2-3 years it now takes. Moreover, this bill derailed the CIA effort to completely exempt itself from the Freedom of Information Act, an effort that had a fair amount of support a few years ago when we began to work on this bill. Such a total exemption is now impossible, in part because of this bill, which I believe gives up nothing from our point of view.

Sincerely,


Ira Glasser

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